

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated May 20, 2005, claims 1-11 were pending. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 2-5 and 8-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

In this Amendment, allowable claims 2-5 and 8 have been amended to be in independent form based on independent claim 1, and claims 1, 6 and 7 canceled without prejudice, reserving right to prosecution in a continuation application. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the 102 rejection of claims 1, 6 and 7 have been rendered moot by cancellation of those claims. It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed rejection has been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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